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SUBJ: KHMER QUESTION: NEA VOTING

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1. MOST NEA COUNTRIES VOTED PREDICTABLY ON DEFERMENT QUESTION (FOUR YES - ELEVEN NO - SEVEN ABSTAIN - FOUR ABSENT). EMBASSIES ANKARA, ATHENS AND TEL AVIV MAY WISH THANK HOST GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR STEADFAST SUPPORT. USUN WILL CONVEY THANKS TO BHUTAN DEL.

2. HOWEVER, CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DISARRAY AMONG ARAB PEN-INSULA AND GULF STATES COULD VERY NEARLY HAVE SHOT DOWN EFFORT PRESERVE KHMER UN SEAT. THREE (BAHRAIN, UAE, YAR) VOTED NOT. THEIR EARLY INDECISION AND UNFORTUNATE FINAL DECISION MAY HAVE BEEN DUE SAUDI DEL (BAROODY) KEEPING HIS POSITION (ABSTENTION) WELL HIDDEN RIGHT UP TO VOTE. KUWAIT (BISHARA), WHO HAD GIVEN KHMER REP STRONG IMPRESSION OF SUPPORT, INFORMED MISOFF JUST BEFORE VOTE THAT HE HAD NO RPT NO IN-CONFIDENTIAL

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STRUCTIONS. HIS DECISION TO ABSTAIN PROBABLY PULLED

QATAR ALONG TO SAME DECISION. OMAN CHOSE "ABSENTEE" ROUTE.

3. WE WERE DISAPPOINTED IN PERFORMANCE OF JORDAN WHOSE PERMREP HAD TOLD AMB. BENNETT HE FAVORED DEFEREMENT, BUT FELT HE COULD NOT SO VOTE UNLESS ANOTHER ARAB STATE DID. ON BASIS ASSURANCES GIVEN EMBASSY RABAT (RABAT 5253. ON ANTI-SIHANOUK STAND, WE INFORMED HIM OF MOROCCAN POSITION (ASSUMING THIS WOULD PERMIT YES VOTE IN DEFERMENT). ON ROLLCALL, HOWEVER, JORDAN REP WAS ABSENT. IT IS POSSIBLE HE AWARE MOROCCAN PERMREP WAS GOING TO ABSTAIN, CONTRARY TO SPIRIT OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS. ON OTHER HAND, MOROCCAN MAY HAVE MADE DECISION ON ABSTENTION BECAUSE JORDAN INDICATED UNWILLINGNESS JOIN IN YES VOTE AND MOROCCAN IN HIS TURN DID NOT DARE STAND ALONE. LATTER MAY INDEED BE CASE, AS SHORTLY BEFORE VOTE MISOFF TALKED TO BOTH PERMREPS TOGETHER AND MOROCCAN STILL INDICATED HE FAVORED DEFERMENT. JORDANIAN SAID NOTHING AT TIME (AND MISOFF DID NOT PRESS, ASSUMING MOROCCAN CONFIRMATION WAS ALL JORDANIAN NEEDED TO STAY FIRM). WHAT THESE TWO DISCUSSED AFTER MISOFF LEFT CAN ONLY BE CONJECTURED.

4. AMB BENNETT AND MISOFFS MADE SEVERAL EFFORTS BRING WAVERING LEBANESE INTO YES COLUMN, BUT ARAB AND NON-ALIGNED PRESSURE LED THEM TO ABSTAIN. OTHER EXPECTED ABSTENTIONS WERE CYPRUS, INDIA, IRAN, KUWAIT AND QATAR. INDIA PLAYED ROLE, THROUGH ITS OWN ABSTENTION AND LIKELY INFLUENCE ON BHUTAN'S YES VOTE, IN NARROW FAVORABLE MARGIN. WE UNDERSTAND INDIAN PERM REP SEN WAS CRITICIZED AFTER VOTE BY ALGERIANS FOR HIS "DEFECTION."

5. VOTING NO ON DEFERMENT, IN ADDITION TO THREE ARAB STATES MENTIONED PARA 2 ABOVE, WERE AFGHANISTAN, PDRY, EGYPT, IRAQ, NEPAL, PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA AND SYRIA. BACKGROUND ON NEPAL'S VOTE PREVIOUSLY REPORT. BENNETT

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